

National Organic Standards Board Meeting, May 13-14, 2003, Austin, Texas

Crops Committee Recommendation: Glycerine Oleate

Introduction: The NOSB received a petition to consider Glycerine Oleate as a synthetic substance allowed in crops.

Background: The TAP review for Glycerol Monooleate - processing was used for the evaluation of Glycerine Oleate, a List 3 inert. In that report, all of the reviewers agreed that the material is synthetic. Two reviewers voted to prohibit its use and one reviewer voted to allow it in 95% organic products. Two reviewers voted to allow its use, and one reviewer voted to prohibit it under the "made with organic" heading. The Committee discussed the applicability of the Glycerol Monooleate TAP for processing to the petitioned application. It was agreed that the information in the TAP was sufficient for a decision to be made.

The petitioner stated that this material was used as an antifoaming agent in a micronized wettable sulfur formulation used for control of several fungal diseases. It was reported that the absence of glycerine oleate greatly reduced the efficacy of the product. The Committee also discussed the EPA's plan for reclassification of List 3 inerts exempt from tolerances for food crops by 2006. All Committee members agree that Glycerine Oleate is a synthetic.

Recommendation:

The Crops Committee recommends that Glycerine Oleate be added to 205.601 (m) (2) with the annotation of 'until 2006'.

Committee Vote:

Approve-4
Disapprove-0
Recuse-0
Absent-1
Abstain-0